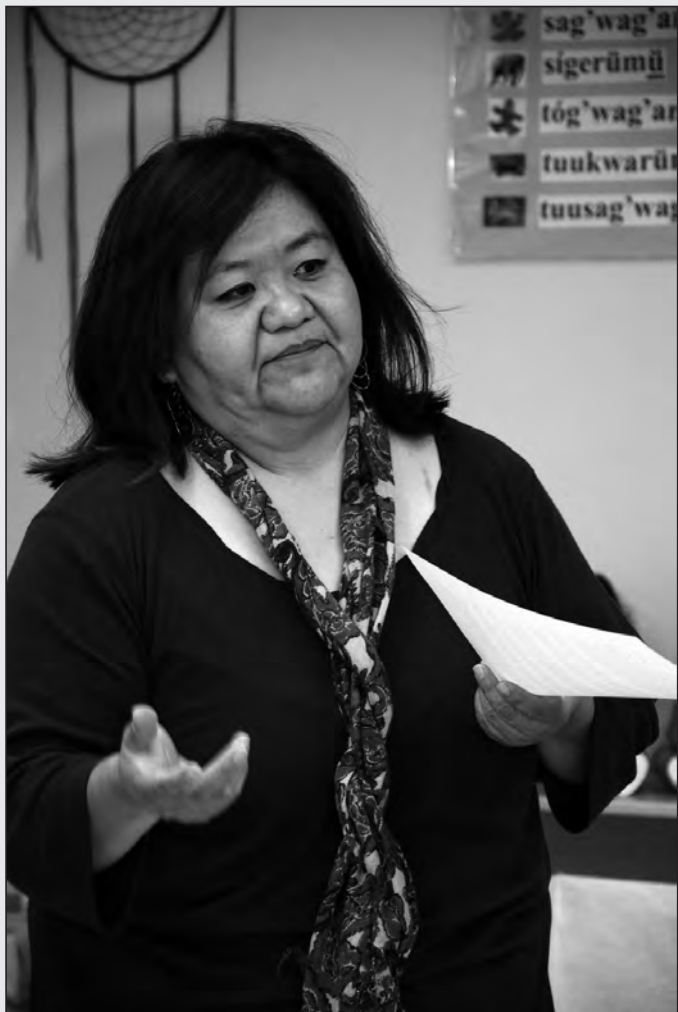


# SUIMA mock election



Students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy had a chance to make their voices heard on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in a mock election. The students learned about the election process from the Southern Ute Election Board, then cast votes for the candidates running in the real-life elections in November.

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# Southern Ute Education Department Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



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**Ellie Seibel (Tusagwawichitachi)**  
8th grade, Ignacio Jr. High School

Parents: Melanie and Shane Seibel.  
Favorite subjects: Everything, I enjoy each subject. I like participating in drama, cooking, art, prep basketball, volleyball and track.  
In addition, I want to become a famous athlete or pastry chef.  
I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month of November because all the teachers feel that I have a great attitude and thrive for success.  
“I think that getting this award is a great achievement to show how good I’m doing in school. I was the Little Miss Southern Ute 2007-2008, and always got comments of how clear and informative my voice was, even when I was little. Thanks to my teachers and family who make me who I am today!”



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**Mariah Vigil**  
11th grade, Ignacio High School

Parents: Joe and Joyce Vigil.  
Favorite subjects: Spanish, history and math. I like participating in sports such as basketball and volleyball.  
In addition, I want to attend college.  
I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month of November because of my achievement, good attendance, and positive behavior in the classroom.

# Demystifying college



photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

Walter Howe, distance learning coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, speaks with a group of students at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Representatives of local educational groups and colleges stopped by to talk with juniors and seniors about higher education during the third annual event.


# Education update

**November, December and January classes for Tribal members**  
**Thanksgiving Turkey and Stuffing Class:** Wednesday, Nov. 16. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Kitchen. Participants will learn to season, prepare, stuff and cook a turkey. We will use tribal member best recipes. Participants should bring a side dish, as we will have a thanksgiving dinner. A drawing will be held for the turkey we cook in class.  
**Christmas Cards and Holiday Greeting Stockings:** Saturday, Dec. 10. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will make a greeting card Christmas stocking, Season greetings cards, and snack bag, using paper cutters, chalks, stamps and ink. This is an introduction to paper crafts for scrapbooking.  
**Scrapbooking:** Saturday Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrap booking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc.  
Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or both classes.

**Education announces GED test dates**  
The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

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